



St Joseph's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, 28 January 2022

NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to Emilia (9 Cecilia) who competed against students from Thames Valley Partnership Schools to win the 2022 Spelling Bee competition!!

Emilia achieved 100% in both her qualifying rounds and won the final with a score over 85%.

"Unlocking Belief in All"



FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Hope you are all safe and well,

My weekly message to all is in video format. Please do let us know what you think, any feedback is welcome.

Please find below the link to our website to view my message:

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/Newsletter-11-v2.m4v>

Have a cracking weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us

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Covid-19 Vaccinations

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gentle reminder that Covid-19 vaccinations are taking place at St Josephs on Friday 4th February 2022.

E-consent is required in advance - CLOSING DATE to provide consent is 9am on Wednesday 2nd February.

Please complete consent form using the provided link included in the newsletter attachment.

Additional information regarding the School Immunisation Teams visit to administer the COVID-19 Vaccinations is included in the letter. Please ensure you read all information provided carefully before completing the consent form. Please note that the COVID-19 vaccinations is only for those in years 7 to 11 only (aged 12-16).

Kind Regards,

School-aged Immunisation Team



GCSE Interventions

Please find attached with the newsletter an important letter for your perusal regarding Year 1 Interventions. Below is a table of the schedule. Regards, Mr Dann

GCSE Intervention					
	Monday	Tuesday <small>(Child Dev starts 08/02/22)</small>	Wednesday <small>(Sessions start 09/02/22)</small>	Thursday	Friday
Form (8:30am – 9:05am)		Assembly		RE	
Lunch (1:25pm – 2:00pm)			Business Studies	Art	Art
Session 1 (3:00pm – 3:45pm)	English / MFL (Weekly Rotation)	Maths	Science		Food / Drama / iMedia & Product Design
Session 2 (3:45pm – 4:30pm)	MFL / English (Weekly Rotation)	PE / Child Development	Drama / Music / Sports Science		

Unlocking Belief in All

THEME OF THE WEEK

Peace

Our theme this week is 'Peace' as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We hear in the Gospel the words of Simeon the prayer we call the Nunc Dimittis, a prayer that is prayed all around the world every night in Night Prayer of the Church. Simeon understood that Jesus was the long expected Messiah, and so he rejoiced at this encounter with the child Jesus and His parents. We can take example from Simeon, a man of steadfast hope and faith, he knew to believe in the scriptures and to trust in God.

Imagine the scene in the Temple, seeing Mary and Joseph with the child Jesus. It is a scene of great joy! Simeon feels this great joy, but he also feels a great peace.

Where do you feel most at peace? Is it in the chapel sitting quietly, or going for a walk perhaps with family or friends?

The dictionary definition of the word 'peace' is 'freedom from disturbance; tranquillity'. It is a glimpse of the Kingdom of God, a moment of encounter with God.

What does the word 'peace' mean to you? Where do we see people working for peace in our world? What can we do to promote peace in our school and in the wider world?

There are places in our world where there isn't peace, places of war and conflict; places where climate change has caused destruction and chaos. We can help these people, our brothers and sisters in need by remembering and praying for them; by learning more about these situations and finding out about what practical things we can do to help, supporting charities too, finding out how we can support their work.

We can be promoters of peace, examples to those around us in the way we care for one another, and how we care for our world. Become aware of those moments when you experience peace, and encourage others to bring about peace with love and joy.

Peace

Weekly Reflections
31st January 2022



A reading from St Luke's Gospel - The Presentation of the Lord Luke 2:22-32

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

Day 3 Nunc Dimittis

Today, your prayer is the words of Simeon, his prayer we call the Nunc Dimittis.

'Save us Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep; that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with Him in peace. At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.
Amen.'

Day 1

We celebrate this week the Presentation of the Lord, Jesus being taken to the Temple to be presented to God as a child, and there He with Mary and Joseph meet a man called Simeon. Simeon was old in years and when he saw Jesus, he rejoiced. He said the words to the prayer we now call the Nunc Dimittis. He rejoiced because he understood that Jesus was the long expected Messiah. Can you think of a time when you have been waiting expectantly for something, perhaps the arrival of a new brother or sister, a new pet, or to see a friend? How did you react? Was it with rejoicing?

Day 4 Learned & Wise

Our Pupil Profile virtues this half term are Learned and Wise. Simeon was a man who was learned and wise, being close to God. How can you be more like Simeon, how can you fulfil these virtues to be Learned and Wise?

Day 2

'Peace' - Our theme this week is 'Peace', taken from the words of the Gospel. Simeon is speaking of the peace that comes from God. The dictionary definition of the word 'peace' is 'freedom from disturbance; tranquillity'. In a moment of prayer, perhaps sitting in the Chapel, we can feel a sense of peace, that freedom from disturbance. I think this is what Simeon was experiencing too when he encountered Jesus. What does the word 'peace' mean to you? Where do we see people working for peace in our world? What can we do to promote peace in our school and in the wider world?

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, Thank you for fresh grace and a week full of promise. Lead us Lord in your ways and fill our hearts with your love and joy. Help us see others as you see them. Guide every decision, response, effort and conversation we have for your glory.
Amen.



Day 5 Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.
Amen.

Activate Windows

Go to Settings to activate Windows.

YEAR 8 NEWS

Well done to all the efforts made in lessons this week.

During form time we have been doing Learning to Learn. This will enable the students to know and understand how interleaving and recall can help with revision. Next week there will be a cake sale in memory of Nathan, all the proceeds will go to charity.

Next Thursday (3rd Feb) is Year 8 parents evening. A letter has gone home with your child today. Due to current restrictions this will be online. Can I ask your son/daughter to make as many appointments as they possible please. A special mention goes out to 8 Cecilia who have accumulated the most positive ClassCharts points and will be rewarded with a Dominos lunch and a film in the drama room on Tuesday.

In the meantime have a great weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 13

A big congratulations to all the students who have submitted their UCAS applications by the deadline this week. It's a really exciting time with so many of them receiving offers already. Congratulations, we are really proud of you all! On Wednesday they had a PSHE session looking at the next steps in the process. This explained how to make firm and insurance choices, apply for student finance and accommodation. If they have any further questions on this please ask them to get in touch.

All year 13 students have been given a pack of equipment including a whiteboard for use in lessons. They must have this with them everyday and ensure it is readily available if required.

Next week PSHE will be on; Thursday period 5

Have a great week

Mrs Bray

Sixth Form Update

UCAS update – please give congratulations to Year 13, who have all met the deadline well in advance for submitting their university applications.

Also a special well done to **Stewart Arthur** who has achieved an offer to **Cambridge (St John's) to study Law**; getting an offer to such a prestigious institution is a task in itself, given the rigour of the process and the international level of competition.

Please give him a huge well done when you see him (you won't miss him, he's about ten foot tall with a beaming smile!).

Mr Stack-Clark

Other Notices

WORD AND IDIOM OF THE WEEK

Literacy Update

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word this coming week is **'attentive'**; an adjective, which means to take notice to something as being interesting or of importance.

'The idiom this coming week is **'the thin end of the wedge'**. This is the beginning of something bad which seems harmless or unimportant at present but is likely to become much worse in the future. Better to act now to stop much worse outcomes down the line.

Mr Stack-Clark

Year 8 Curriculum Information Evening

Thank you to those that attended our Curriculum Information Evening in Year 8. For those that were not able to attend attached to the newsletter is the presentation. I would be happy to catch up with any parents that would like further detail on their child's curriculum changes.

There is a lot of detail there to disseminate and changes that can feel daunting. The curriculum changes have been through a significant amount of scrutiny and consultation across all key stakeholders and we have always ensured that our curriculum suits your child's needs. Any issues that you may have please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Araf

Drama News

The year 13 production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" will be performed in the school hall on the 10th and 11th of February at 7.00. All are welcome to come and see it. Please come and see me if you would like a ticket as due to COVID we have to limit the audience capacity.

Rehearsals for Sweeney Todd are well underway and it has been a great pleasure getting my directing hat on once again. On Monday 24th January I and Miss Cooper took the year 9, 10 and 11 GCSE drama students to see "Blood Brothers" at the Theatre Royal in Windsor. This is their set text for GCSE. They were a credit to the school.

"It was full of laughs, jokes and jumps I enjoyed it very much" Euan Shaw

"I enjoyed the way the actors portrayed the characters. I especially loved the Narrator" Esther Owusu-Ansah.

PE NEWS - Basketball

Year 9/10 had a game against Slough and Eton winning 30-20. Was a great effort from all the boys, for many of them it was their first competitive Basketball game.

Well done to Wisdom, Symon, Melwin, Lewis, Fabian, Rodnie, Nathaniel and Solomon.

Mr Cooper-Santos



EAL Social Club Notice

EAL SOCIAL CLUB

Wednesdays Week 1: 12:25 - 1.00pm (Years 8, 9 and 10)

Week 2: 1.25 - 2pm (Years 7 and 11)

Lunch Time in T10

('Chat & Chew' - so come with your lunch)



All EAL (English as an additional language) students are welcome to attend these sessions, where they can play games, socialise and make friends in a supportive and friendly environment.

✦ All are welcome!

Music News

Composition Workshop at Royal Holloway University London

Wednesday 2nd February - Yr10 (Session 1)

Four of our Year 10s have been selected to attend a composition workshop with the Fidelio Trio at Royal Holloway. We will be leaving at 8:50am and should be back by 12:45pm at the latest, therefore the students below will be missing from lessons on Wednesday; missing Tutor time , P1, P2 and P3. Students are aware that they will need to catch up on any work missed. Ms Ure

- Mati Skowera (10T)
- Liam Paes (10P)
- Leah Walls (10P)
- Edina Vinojan (10V)

Calling all St Joseph's Artists!!

Time to showcase your creativity in The St Joseph's House Art Competition.

Please decide a team of up to three artists per form – this should be finalised by Wednesday.

On Thursday, the artwork you will be challenged to recreate will be revealed!

You will have one week to complete your entries as a team.

Art Club will be available on Tuesday for you to get together as a team and work on your entries

Any further time spent on your creation is up to your team!!

Have fun and get creative!!

S. Irvine

THE GREAT ST JOSEPH'S

Art House Competition



HOW TO ENTER:

1. Each form are to decide on a team of up to 3 artists. This should be finalised by **Wednesday 2nd February**
2. On Thursday 3rd February, the team will be given a reference image of a famous artwork to recreate
3. Teams then have one week to complete their submission as a team

DEADLINE
THURSDAY 10TH FEB

**SUBMISSIONS TO BE DELIVERED
TO THE ART DEPARTMENT**

Friday's Cake Sale



In loving memory of Nathan



Friday 4th February
Lunch time
... in the quad!

Any money raised will go to charity.

Charities receiving donations to be announced soon.



Please speak to Lindsay Wedji and/or Mr. Ojakovoh if you would like to bake a cake.



How it works....



- **Ask your form tutor to email your name to Mr. Ojakovoh** if you would like to bake a cake at home and bring it into school on Friday.
- **Deadline for submitting names to Mr. Ojakovoh: Wednesday 2nd February 2022.**
- Bring cakes to Mrs. Hill in the food room on the morning of Friday 4th February 2022.
- Clearly have the name of the baker and tutor group written on them.

PE House Competition



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PE – House Competition Badminton

Friday 11th February

The Competition



The competition

Tutor groups need to nominate 1x doubles team to participate for their house. Each court will have a year group tournament. All houses will play each other.

3 Points = Win

1 Point = lose by 1

What to bring

Must be in trainers to participate – pack some in your bag that day to change into if you don't have PE

When:

Break 1 – Year 8,9,10

Lunch 2 – Year 7+11

Winner Takes All!



PE After school clubs

3:15-4:15	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7+8	Basketball - JCO + THU	Netball - AAN + MJO Rugby - THU + SHO	Trampolining - KBR Table Tennis - THU		
Year 9,10 +11	Football -EED	Basketball - JCO	Trampolining - KBR Netball - AAN + MJO Table Tennis - THU		
6 th form					Open sports - LRO

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Olivier Gburek for his wonderful attitude to learning this week

Jake Wood for his resilience after injury.

YEAR 8

Anushka Kelvin Kapill for fabulous classcharts points

Misie Hayman for PROUD exercise books

YEAR 13

Gianluca Piscopo-Evans for being dedicated and making good progress in interventions. Mariana Reis-Gomes for good progress in Spanish.